



FACT SHEET: White River RMP Oil and Gas Amendment Overview

What is the White River Oil and Gas Amendment?

The Bureau of Land Management's White River Field Office has released a Draft Oil and Gas Amendment to its 1997 Resource Management Plan (RMP), the over-arching land-use plan that guides management within the Field Office.

What does the Plan Amendment do?

The RMP Amendment and associated Environmental Impact Statement analyzes a higher level of oil and gas development than was anticipated when the RMP was completed in 1997. It details measures to mitigate these impacts, including state-of-the-art emission controls and an innovative approach to allowing year-round drilling while maintaining undeveloped wildlife habitat.

What is not considered under this Amendment?

This Plan Amendment does not make decisions about what lands are open or closed to oil and gas leasing. Most of the land in the White River Field Office is already leased for oil and gas.

While the plan analyzes a range of potential oil and gas wells, well pads and associated disturbance, it does not approve any of these activities or provide a cap to the number of wells developed. Reasonable estimates of these activities are made to evaluate potential impacts.

This is an Amendment to the existing 1997 RMP looking specifically at an anticipated increase in oil and gas development. It does not revisit all the decisions in the 1997 RMP, as a full RMP revision would.

What are the potential economic benefits to northwestern Colorado of oil and gas development detailed in this plan?

	Alternative A	Alternative B	Alternative C	Alternative D
Projected net increase in jobs by 2030	562	2,641	5,431	8,007
Projected increase in state severance tax revenue by 2030	\$26.1 million	\$67.6 million	\$120.9 million	\$176.2 million
Projected increase in County property tax revenue by 2030	\$18 million	\$46.6 million	\$83.3 million	\$121.4 million